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TAGS: MAPS, PINS, CACS, CG, BE, IT

SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSION - POSSIBLE RESCUE EFFORT

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1. DESPITE SUCCESSFUL MOVE OF BULK OF AMCITS FROM KOLWEZI
TO SECURE AREAS, WE REMAIN CONCERNED AS TO WELFARE OF
RESIDUAL GROUP OF AMCITS (ESTIMATED AT 11 OR 13) STILL
BELIEVED IN KATANGAN-HELD AREAS OF THAT CITY. MOREOVER,

SUCH FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION AS WE ARE RECEIVING INDICATES THAT DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION CONSTITUTES A GROWING THREAT NOT ONLY TO AMCITS BUT ALSO TO POSSIBLY 3,000 EXPATRIATES OF OTHER NATIONALITIES IN IMMEDIATE AREA.

2. USG'S PREFERRED COURSE OF ACTION IS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM ON POLITICAL PLANE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS UNLESS AND UNTIL CONCLUSION IS REACHED THAT THERE IS NO RECOURSE OTHER THAN EVACUATION VIA MILITARY MEANS.

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4. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR PLANNING EMERGENCY EVACUATION (REF A) AND THE DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT POLITICAL APPROACHES MAY NOT PRODUCE THE DESIRED EFFECTS IN TIME, EUCOM IS BEING INSTRUCTED BY DOD TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY CONTINGENCY PLANNING PROCESS WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF FRENCH, BELGIAN AND UK
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